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	AC 1,398,203	11/22/1921	Schmidt, H.A.			
	AD 2,337,395	12/21/1943	Leland			GROUP 3600
	AE 2,747,919	05/29/1956	Ferneau et al.			
	AF 2,837,751	06/10/1958	McCall			
	AG 2,913,300	11/17/1959	Darnell et al.			
	AH 2,956,289	10/18/1960	Sullivan			
	AI 3,036,314	05/29/1962	Wetzler, J.J.			
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MS	AK 3,053,568	09/11/1962	Miller, R.			

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MS	AL	74802	05/1954	Netherlands				
MS	AM	WO 91/07157	05/1991	PCT				
	AN							
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	AR	Hill-Rom, "A Hill-Rom Solution TotalCare® Bed System" brochure, 2000
	AS	Hill-Rom, TotalCare® Bed System Service Manual, pp. i through iii, pp. 1-18 through 1-69, pp. 3-44 through 3-51, pp. 4-11 through 4-16, pp. 4-80 through 4-81, and p. 6-5, November 1997-January 2002
	AT	Prentke Romich Company brochure entitled "Hospital Environmental Control System"

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	BA	3,220,021	11/30/1965	Nelson, T.		
	BB	3,220,022	11/30/1965	Nelson, T.		
	BC	3,281,141	10/25/1966	Smiley et al.		
	BD	3,319,270	05/16/1967	Greiner, O.		
	BE	3,353,193	11/21/1967	Greiner, O.		
	BF	3,406,772	10/22/1968	Ahrent et al.		
	BG	3,593,350	07/21/1971	Knight et al.		
	BH	3,821,821	07/02/1974	Burst et al.		
	BI	3,913,153	10/21/1975	Adams et al.		
	BJ	4,097,940	07/04/1978	Tekulve et al.		
	BK	4,127,906	12/05/1978	Zur, H.		

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<i>mjw</i>	BR	6/83 Prentke Romich Company brochure entitled "Hospital Environmental Control System (HECS)"
<i>gro</i>	BS	Prentke Romich Company Operator's Manual for HECS-2 Hospital Environmental Control System
<i>ur</i>	BT	Prentke Romich's Operational Guide for HECS-5 Hospital Environmental Control System

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		CB 4,183,015	01/08/1980	Drew et al.			RECEIVED
		CC 4,183,109	01/15/1980	Howell			<i>MAY 15 2002</i>
		CD 4,222,131	09/16/1980	Holdt et al.			
		CE 4,227,269	10/14/1980	Johnston			GROUP 3600
		CF 4,312,500	01/26/1982	Janssen, J.			
		CG 4,376,316	03/15/1983	Mercier et al.			
		CH 4,380,838	04/26/1983	Lutchansky			
		CI 4,409,695	10/18/1983	Johnston et al.			
		CJ 4,411,035	10/25/1983	Fenwick			
<i>ms</i>		CK 4,484,367	11/27/1984	Jenkins			

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<i>ms</i>	CR	Prentke Romich's Operational Guide for HECS-3 Hospital Environmental Control System
<i>ms</i>	CS	HECS-1 Hospital/Home Environmental Control System Operational Manual
<i>ms</i>	CT	Prentke Romich Company, Hospital/Home Environmental Control System Product Brochure

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	DB 4,559,655	12/24/1985	Peck, W.			RECEIVED
	DC 4,559,656	12/24/1985	Foster, L.D.			MAY 15 2002
	DD 4,572,573	02/25/1986	Yoshikawa et al.			
	DE 4,592,104	06/03/1986	Foster et al.			GROUP 3600
	DF 4,604,022	08/05/1986	Bourgraf			
	DG 4,612,679	09/23/1986	Mitchell			
	DH 4,637,652	01/20/1987	Bergenwall			
	DI 4,638,313	01/20/1987	Sherwood Jr. et al.			
	DJ 4,680,790	07/14/1987	Packard et al.			
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EA	4,711,486	12/08/1987	Fujiyama			
EB	4,751,754	06/21/1988	Bailey et al.			
EC	4,800,384	01/24/1989	Snijders			
ED	4,847,929	07/18/1989	Pupovic			
EE	4,862,529	09/05/1989	Peck			
EF	4,894,876	01/23/1990	Fenwick			
EG	4,937,900	07/03/1990	Bridges			
EH	4,944,055	07/31/1990	Shainfeld			
EI	5,072,463	12/17/1991	Willis			
EJ	5,181,762	01/26/1993	Beumer			
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	FB 5,276,813	01/04/1994	Elliot et al.			RECEIVED
	FC 5,279,010	01/18/1994	Ferrand et al.			MAY 15 2002
	FD 5,283,781	02/01/1994	Buda et al.			
	FE 5,291,399	03/01/1994	Chaco			GROUP 3600
	FF 5,335,313	08/02/1994	Douglas			
	FG 5,345,226	09/06/1994	Rice, Jr. et al.			
	FH 5,361,755	11/08/1994	Schraag et al.			
	FI 5,398,357	03/21/1995	Foster			
	FJ 5,402,544	04/04/1995	Crawford et al.			
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	GB 5,479,666	01/02/1996	Foster et al.			
	GC 5,537,701	07/23/1996	Elliott			
	GD 5,542,138	08/06/1996	Williams et al.			MAY 15 2002
	GE 5,577,279	11/26/1996	Foster et al.			
	GF 5,588,167	12/13/1996	Pahno et al.			
	GG 5,592,153	01/07/1997	Welling			
	GH 5,600,311	02/04/1997	Rice et al.			
	GI 5,630,238	05/20/1997	Weismiller et al.			
	GJ 5,678,264	10/21/1997	Walker			
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	HB 5,732,423	03/31/1998	Weismiller et al.			RECEIVED
	HC 5,771,511	06/30/1998	Kummer et al.			MAY 15 2002
	HD 5,790,997	08/11/1998	Ruehl			
	HE 5,838,223	11/17/1998	Gallant et al.			GROUP 3600
	HF 6,147,592	11/14/2000	Ulrich et al.			
	HG 6,163,903	12/26/2000	Weismiller et al.			
	HH 6,182,310	02/06/2001	Weismiller et al.			
	HI 6,279,183	08/28/2001	Kummer et al.			
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